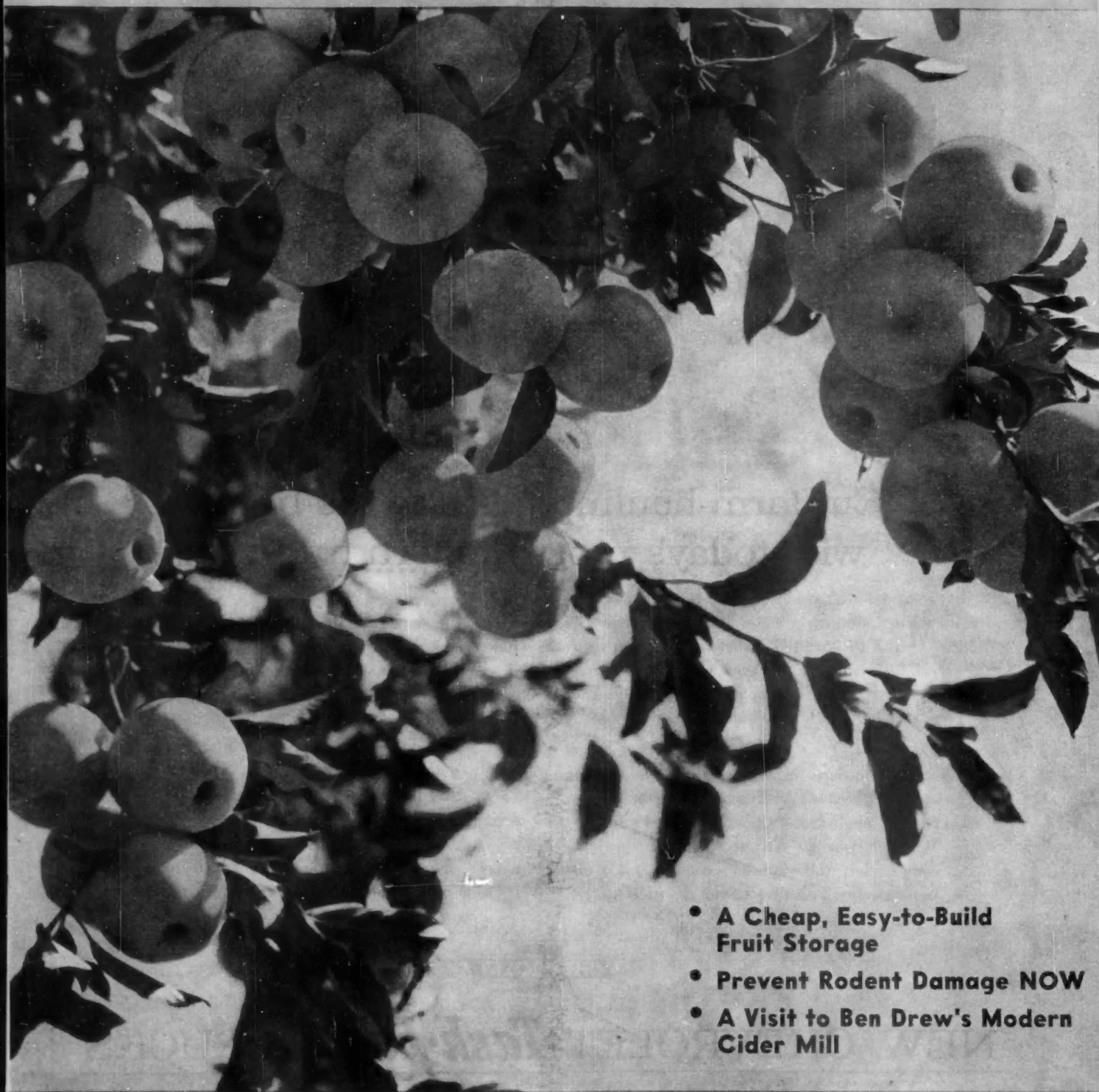


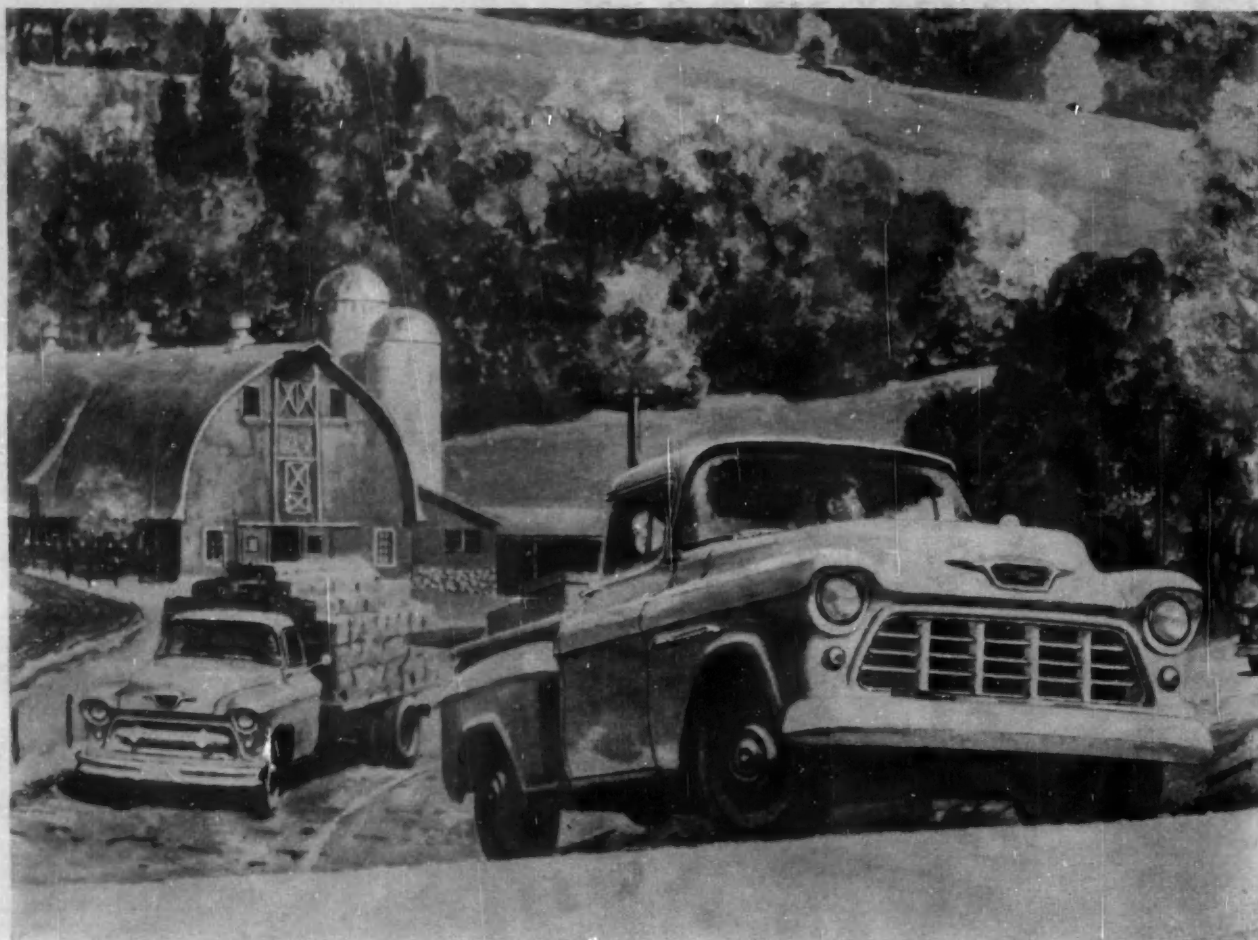
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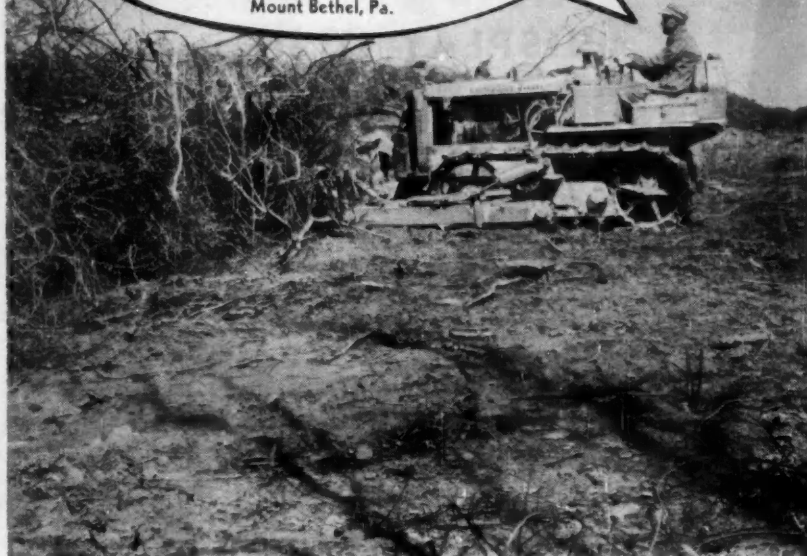
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Book Information

Dear Editor:

I am enjoying your magazine to which I subscribed, beginning with the February 1955 issue, and I know I will continue to receive much valuable information in it in the future. However, if you have a list of books available on the care of apple trees, I will appreciate your sending it to me—with prices and companies from which I may obtain them.

Rutherfordton, N. C. William D. Tanner

The book, "Fruit Science," by Norman F. Childers, covers fruit growing with emphasis on apples. This book is available for \$5.00 and may be obtained from the Book Department, AMERICAN FRUIT GROWER, Willoughby, Ohio. From time to time we review books on fruit growing in AMERICAN FRUIT GROWER which can also be obtained from our Book Department.—Ed.

### Cider Machinery

Dear Editor:

For the past several years we have operated a cider mill in season.

The longer we make cider, the more we are impressed with the fact that some changes and improvements in the process are long overdue.

Sanitation is difficult to maintain in the rack and cloth method of cider making. Furthermore, the cost of keeping them in good shape is no small item.

The fruit producer would no doubt welcome the introduction of a compact machine that could be operated by one person, make a gallon or more of cider or juice in a few minutes, and be readily rinsed out afterward with a little water.

We have given the idea of a new method considerable thought and work, and believe it can be solved with some expense and more experimental work.

It would be interesting to know about the efforts other people have made or are making in perfecting a simple, continuous method of making cider and fruit juice without racks and cloths.

Columbia City, Ind. N. C. Johnston

Here is a good thought which many readers must have ideas about. Let's hear from you.

For information on a commercial juicer with a somewhat limited capacity and operating on the principle of liberating the juice through centrifugal force, write David A. Ballard, Sweden Freezer Manufacturing Co., 3401 17th Ave. W., Seattle 99, Wash.—Ed.

### Largest Apple Tree

Dear Editor:

Sometime before 1800 my great-grandfather set out 80 apple trees, one of which grew to the enormous size of 15 feet 6 inches in circumference at 3 feet from the ground. This tree was about 30 feet tall. At one time it was enclosed in a poultry yard and I well remember that a hen had her nest in a hollow spot in the trunk.

Enfield, N.H. F. L. Colby

Colby Fruit Farm

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E. L. Proebsting, Jr.

### GOURLEY AWARD WINNERS

**W**INNERS of the J. H. Gourley medal and prize awarded by AMERICAN FRUIT GROWER for the best paper on fruit growing research delivered before the American Society for Horticultural Science were A. L. Kenworthy of Michigan State University and Edward L. Proebsting, Jr., formerly of Michigan State University and now with the Irrigation Experiment Station at Prosser, Wash.

Proebsting and Kenworthy showed how sunlight and amount of nutrients available in the soil affect the growth and the composition of leaves of fruit trees. The work throws considerable light on the use of leaf analysis in diagnosing fertilizer needs of trees, a technique of immense practical value to fruit growers.

Proebsting is the son of Dr. E. L. Proebsting of the University of California at Davis.

### CONSUMER APPLE PACKAGING SURVEY

**A**PPLÉ growers who pack in consumer-size containers or sell directly to the consumer at roadside markets or by mail will find valuable information in the 43-page report of a survey of apple packaging methods conducted by Dr. M. P. Rasmussen and Isabelle Thomas of Cornell University.

Sixty growers and private firms and seven co-operatives selling over 825,000 bushels of apples packaged in consumer units were questioned regarding size and type of package used, and costs.

Copies of the report, entitled, *Packaging Apples in Consumer Units at Country Points, 1953-54 Season*, may be obtained by writing Dr. M. P. Rasmussen, 248 Warren Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

#### FRUIT GROWERS!

We are looking for factual accounts of grower experience in overcoming problems in tree and small fruit production and marketing. Send letters and, if available, photos. Regular author payment. Address contributions to Richard T. Meister, editor, AMERICAN FRUIT GROWER, Wiloughby, Ohio.

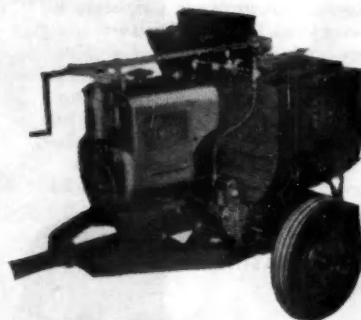
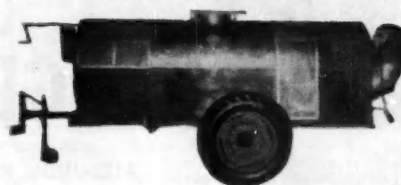
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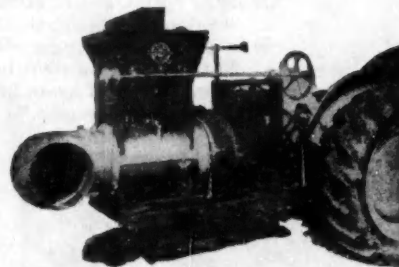


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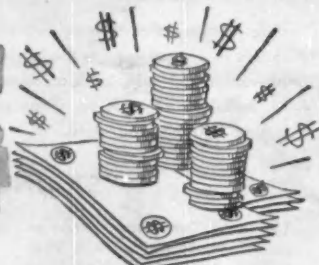
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Nov. 15-16—Wisconsin State Horticultural Society annual convention, Retlaw Hotel, Fond du Lac.—H. J. Rahmlow, Sec'y, Horticulture Bldg., U. of Wis., Madison 6.

Nov. 16-17—Ohio Pesticide Institute 9th annual school and conference, Fort Hayes Hotel, Columbus.—J. D. Wilson, Sec'y, Wooster.

Nov. 16-18—Western Growers Association annual convention, Westward Ho Hotel, Phoenix, Ariz.—Headquarters: 606 S. Hill St., Los Angeles 14, Calif.

Nov. 16-18—Iowa Fruit Growers Association annual meeting and short course, Iowa State College, Ames.—R. Glenn Raines, Sec'y, State House, Des Moines.

Nov. 17-18—Cumberland-Shenandoah Fruit Workers' conference, Hotel Alexander, Hagerstown, Md.—A. F. Vierheller, Sec'y, Maryland State Horticultural Society, College Park.

Nov. 28-29—Ohio Fruit School, Ohio Experiment Station, Wooster.—C. W. Ellenwood, Sec'y, Wooster.

Nov. 28-30—Illinois State Horticultural Society and Illinois Fruit Council annual meeting, Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield.—Harold J. Hartley, Sec'y, Carbondale.

Dec. 1-2—Connecticut Pomological Society annual meeting, University of Connecticut, Storrs.—S. P. Hollister, Sec'y, Storrs.

Dec. 1-2—Kansas State Horticultural Society annual meeting, Kansas State College, Manhattan.—W. G. Arustein, Sec'y, Manhattan.

Dec. 1-2—Oregon State Horticultural Society 70th annual meeting, Oregon State College, Corvallis.—C. O. Rawlings, Sec'y, Corvallis.

Dec. 4-7—New Jersey State Horticultural Society annual meeting, Claridge and Marlborough-Blenheim Hotels, Atlantic City.—Ernest G. Christ, Sec'y, New Brunswick.

Dec. 5-7—Washington State Horticultural Association 51st annual meeting, Wenatchee.—John C. Snyder, Pullman.

Dec. 6-7—Oklahoma Pecan Growers Association annual meeting, Okmulgee.—Fred LeCrone, Ass't. Sec'y, Stillwater.

Dec. 6-8—Michigan State Horticultural Society annual meeting, Civic Auditorium, Grand Rapids.—H. D. Hootman, Sec'y, East Lansing.

Dec. 7—Kentucky State Horticultural Society annual meeting, Paducah.—W. W. Magill, Sec'y, Lexington.

Dec. 7-9—Nut Growers Society of Oregon and Washington annual meeting, McMinnville, Ore.—C. O. Rawlings, Sec'y, Corvallis.

Dec. 8-9—Tennessee State Horticultural Society 50th annual meeting, New Southern Hotel, Jackson.—A. N. Pratt, Sec'y, Nashville.

Dec. 14-16—New York State Horticultural Society eastern meeting, Kingston.—D. M. Dalrymple, Sec'y, Lockport.

Jan. 4-6, 1956—Massachusetts Fruit Grower's Association annual meeting, Municipal Auditorium, Worcester.—A. P. French, Sec'y, Amherst.

Jan. 4-6—Western Washington Horticultural Association annual meeting, Fruitland Grange Hall, Puyallup.—Morrill Delano, Sec'y, Tacoma.

Jan. 5-6—Maryland State Horticultural Society 58th annual meeting, Hotel Alexander, Hagerstown.—A. F. Vierheller, Sec'y, College Park.

Jan. 16-17—North Carolina State Apple Growers Association annual meeting, Asheville.—Boyd C. Campbell, Sec'y, Taylorsville.

Jan. 17-19—Indiana Horticultural Society annual meeting, Severin Hotel, Indianapolis.—Geo. A. Adrian, Acting Sec'y, R. R. 4, Box 54-M, Indianapolis.

Jan. 17-20, 1956—New York State Horticultural Society Second Century Celebration, Rochester. American Pomological Society meeting in conjunction with society meeting.—D. M. Dalrymple, Sec'y, Lockport.

Jan. 23-25—Virginia State Horticultural Society 60th annual meeting, Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke.—John F. Watson, Sec'y, Staunton.

Jan. 30-Feb. 1—State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania annual meeting, Yorktowne Hotel, York.—John U. Ruef, Sec'y, University Park.

Jan. 30-Feb. 2, 1956—United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association annual meeting, Hotel Roosevelt, New Orleans, La.—Association headquarters: 777 14th St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

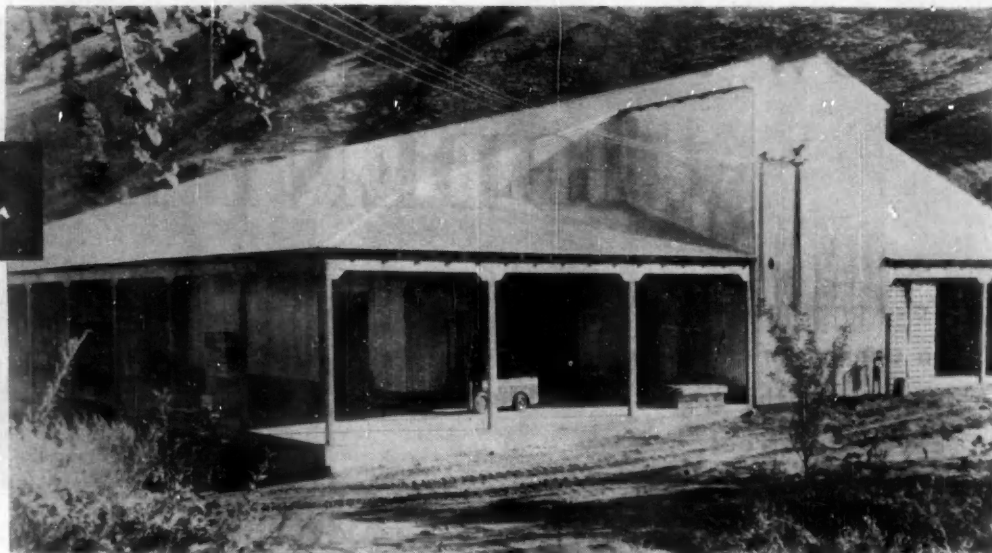
Feb. 9-10—Idaho State Horticultural Society 61st annual meeting, Hotel Boise, Boise.—Anton S. Horn, Sec'y, Boise.

Feb. 9-11—West Virginia State Horticultural Society 63rd annual convention, Martinsburg.—Carroll R. Miller, Sec'y, Martinsburg.

Feb. 15-17—Ohio State Horticultural Society annual meeting, Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland.—C. W. Ellenwood, Sec'y, Wooster.

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By **ARTHUR de DESROCHERS**

A STANDARD frame cold storage building, roofed and sided with corrugated aluminum, and insulated with multiple aluminum reflective insulation, has proved very efficient, low-cost, and easy to construct with orchard help. Jobs of this type have shown a total cost for building and refrigeration varying from 80 cents to \$2 per bushel of capacity; and most owners report the jobs pay off in about four years.

Many actual scientific tests indicate that a simple concrete slab poured on well-drained ground without any further insulation is good practice providing there is edge insulation around the perimeter, or a break between the floor slab and building foundation. Porches around a storage building are desirable from a shading standpoint and as covered storage for containers, etc. Perhaps there is an existing building that can be insulated at low cost.

Before starting to build a storage building, consult a competent refrigeration man. Shop around for

The author, ARTHUR de DESROCHERS, is a cold storage consultant in Wenatchee, Wash., who specializes in the planning of on-the-farm cold storages for apple growers.



Dan and Lyman Bardin, Monitor, Wash., insulate roof of their Bardin Brothers storage. Two courses of multiple aluminum insulation were used on sun-exposed flat roof deck, and one course in shaded walls and floors. The storage was built almost entirely by orchard help.

quality and try to find a man who has a successful series of jobs of the type you want.

Equipment that uses freon as a refrigerant gas requires little maintenance and has no fire or fruit damage hazard.

A successful fruit storage depends

not only on maintaining proper temperatures in the room but on proper air circulation and maintaining of relative humidity in the 85 per cent range. If sufficient cooling coils are installed, the humidity will automatically be high. If coils are skimmed to lower a price, as they frequently are, a dry atmosphere will dehydrate and wrinkle fruit.

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# How to Prevent RODENT DAMAGE

**Take precautions NOW  
to control mice, rabbits, deer . . .  
and spare the expense of replacing  
chewed-up trees**

By **ELDON S. BANTA**



Pine mouse

**T**REMENDOUS losses are caused each year by mice, rabbits, deer, woodchucks, and other rodents. A grower in central Virginia reports that in one year he lost almost half the trees in one 15-year-old block to hungry pine mice. Rabbits found the bark of young apple trees in a north-eastern Ohio orchard a flavorful delicacy, and most of the trees had to be replaced. A cherry grower in northern Michigan had his newly planted orchard mutilated by deer.

By far the most common offenders are meadow mice and pine mice. The pine mouse is generally found in the coastal plains states, the Mid-south, and the southern sections of

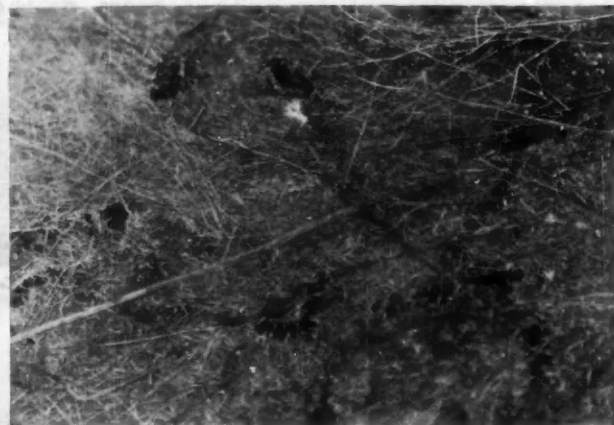
derground in a dark dungeon with myriads of small tunnels about 1½ inches in diameter. While the meadow mouse is discouraged by having the ground cover torn up around him, the pine mouse just burrows down deeper. If necessary, he goes down 3 or 4 feet.

He must come out occasionally, so

mice have devoured almost all the bark and small roots of the trees. When this happens, the leaves yellow and fall. If you shake the trunk, it may come loose easily and fall over.

The oldest and most widely used method of mouse control is the use of poisoned baits. These do a good job of killing if you select a palatable

Meadow mouse trails are easily visible under dead grass cover in orchard. Place poisonous bait where trails fork. Some growers save labor by "bombing" mouse bait from airplanes.



Spraying 12-foot strip along each side of tree rows with endrin is a new method of mouse control. Use 2 to 2½ pounds of endrin in 400 gallons of water to the acre.

Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. He is smaller than the meadow mouse.

The meadow mouse makes only surface trails in the grass, weeds, or other ground cover. You can find these trails by parting the grass and lifting up patches of it. They usually feed in the dark. Pull the grass and debris away from the bases of the tree trunks to check for damage.

The pine mouse lives mostly un-

derground in a dark dungeon with myriads of small tunnels about 1½ inches in diameter. While the meadow mouse is discouraged by having the ground cover torn up around him, the pine mouse just burrows down deeper. If necessary, he goes down 3 or 4 feet. He must come out occasionally, so

food for bait and use a poison that is either tasteless or is also palatable. Baits must be placed systematically around trees and in mouse trails with minimum disturbance of trails.

The weather will affect your success. Baits are almost worthless if placed in trails just before rainy weather. Many find the best time to place baits is during a rising or high barometric pressure period. The fall, from mid-October into November, is a time favored by many growers. Be sure to pick up all dropped apples.

Strychnine and zinc phosphide are two recommended rodenticides. Some growers use both. They can be purchased from your spray material dealer or through your county agent or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.





Using a cultivator to destroy cover discourages meadow mice. This tool, called the Rotavator, is used in Crumpacker Orchards, Roanoke, Va., and is manufactured by Rotary Hoes, Ltd., East Horndon, Essex, England.



Robert Rockwell, of Twin Oaks Orchard, Mount Vernon, Ohio, uses new cultivating tool manufactured by Trump Sales, Ltd., Box 160, Oliver, British Columbia, Canada, around young trees to discourage meadow mouse activity.

The feed selected for bait is coated with the poison. Palatable dry feeds include chufa, steamed crushed oats, and wheat, and moist feeds include apple, sweetpotato, Irish potato, and carrot. Wise growers place a dry and a moist feed bait at each station.

Directions for mixing baits may be obtained from your county agent.

Bait should be placed wherever trails or other evidence of mouse

place poisoned baits in orchards and build artificial trails.



Wire mesh guards protect young trees from rabbits at F. K. Starbird's orchard, Seville, Ohio.



Piling loose gravel or cinders around base of tree when it is set keeps meadow and pine mice away from young trees at Lynd Orchards, Pataskala, O.



Young apple tree completely girdled at ground level by meadow mice. If discovered in time, inarching or bridge grafting might save tree. Sod and mulch should be removed from base of tree in early fall to discourage activity.

activity are found. Grassy fence rows or woods borders around orchards should also be treated. A good spot to drop baits is where mouse trails fork. Usually four placements around a tree are sufficient. Bury unused baits so that children and pets cannot get them. Do not handle baits by hand; use tweezers or wear gloves.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has designed and tested several types of tractor-drawn machines which

The machine will not perform satisfactorily in clean cultivated orchards, in orchards with sparse grass covering, or during periods of dry weather. Tests indicate satisfactory control of meadow mice in the Northeast, Middle Atlantic states, and the Midwest, but there is some question whether the machine will perform well in the Northwest and other sections of the country. Results are erratic in orchards harboring pine mice.

A leaflet describing construction of the machine may be obtained by writing District Agent Howard A. Mer-

rill, 1105 Blake Bldg., 59 Temple Place, Boston 11, Mass., or District Agent G. C. Oderkirk, Experiment Station Annex, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

The bark of young trees is a favorite winter food of rabbits. Protect trees by encasing the trunk in a piece of screen or hardware cloth to a height of about 20 inches. A repellent sprayed or painted on the trunks has also proved successful. One of the most common is a mixture of 8 pounds of resin in one gallon of denatured alcohol. A Michigan grower reports good results with lime-sulfur painted on the trunks.

A good deer repellent has been developed by Pennsylvania State University, with bone oil as the chief ingredient. Write State College Laboratories, Inc., Box 492, State College, Pa.

THE END



Meadow mouse

# PLANT VIRUSES

## Part III...How to Control Virus Diseases

By A. W. HELTON

University of Idaho

*This is the final article in a three-part series on Plant Viruses. Part I appeared in the September issue, and discussed what viruses are and where they came from. Part II, in October, told how to recognize viruses.—Ed.*

**V**IRUS disease control is a complex and difficult problem whatever the host category.

In fruit virus control there has been some success in isolated cases, and we believe ourselves to be on the threshold of an era of practical virus disease control in the field.

Because of the known field spread of virus diseases, one of the earliest and still most widely practiced control methods is roguing, the destruction of infected plants. As cumbersome as this method seems, it has been successful where there has been unified and diligent effort. For example, peach yellows is no longer the threat to the peach industry that it once was, because there was a tremendous and concerted effort to destroy all infected trees.

Use of planting stock certified to be virus-free or use of virus-resistant varieties has proved quite successful with some other crops, but we have not been so fortunate with our fruits.

Virus diseases are no different from other diseases of man, animal, or plant, in that there is one major prerequisite of control. First the disease and the parasite causing it must be understood within certain limits. For example, the nature of the disease and its distribution must be ascertained. Rate and manner of spread must be investigated. For crop plants, effect on yield is important from the justification standpoint, and there are several other factors that must be considered.

In many cases, nursery propagation methods offer a prime target for application of the most effective control measures from the standpoint of arresting large-scale spread. If it is a virulent and destructive disease, however, it must be attacked in the field. For such an effort, investigation of possible symptomless carriers becomes of great importance.



Virus-free strawberry plants for the Idaho certification program are grown in strictly supervised foundation plot. Individual plant inspection and wide spacing control spread of virus. Note sign indicating vector control program is under way.



Author Helton demonstrates the effect of viruses in strawberry plants of same age. Plant at right has been grafted to a virus-diseased plant and has contracted the virus. Compare stunted, almost dead condition with the virus-free plant.

Sometimes, use of resistant or tolerant varieties offers a quick, practical answer. Sometimes these qualities for orchard trees can be found in certain rootstock combinations. Theoretically at least, "vaccination" with mild strains which protect against severe strains of a given virus disease is an important approach.

Chemotherapy recently has assumed a prominence in plant disease control which promises to rival in significance the therapeutic measures of long-standing importance in the medical professions. Physical therapy also is becoming increasingly important in virus disease control. In the case of heat application alone it has

been possible to destroy virus agents in living strawberry plants and fruit trees. This promises to reduce the necessity of prolonged and expensive searches for virus-free plants from which to propagate stock.

Vector control is another phase of  
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Different varieties react differently to same virus. Gerald Coolidge, graduate assistant, examines sweet cherry tree. Two lower branches grew from sweet cherry buds grafted into trunk of young Kwanzon flowering cherry tree. These buds carried "latent" virus which moved up into tree, causing severe curling and distortion of leaves on upper branches. Kwanzon is thus used by Idaho plant pathologists to detect viruses.

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## - Labor Troubles Continue to Harass California Growers - Peach Trees in New Jersey Damaged by Heavy Rains

### Labor Trouble Continues

**CALIFORNIA**—Two new Sebastopol apple plants have been struck by the AFL Teamsters' Union, bringing the total of struck plants in the area to ten. The action came after the plants refused to negotiate after a majority of workers had been signed by the union. Teamster organizer William Grami said. The new plants struck are the Green Valley Dryers, Graton, a member of the Analy Marketing Association, and Growers Pack, a Sebastopol apple processing plant. Green Valley Dryers is a co-operative dryer owned by growers.

Meanwhile, the Safeway stores in the San Francisco-Oakland area are being picketed by women cannery workers who carry signs urging customers not to buy products processed for the chain by the struck canneries.

Hearings are continuing meanwhile on National Labor Relations Board charges that unfair labor practices have been used by the Sebastopol Apple Growers Union plant.—Neale Leslie.

### Good Quality Crop

**IDAHO**—The season is not only late on all fruits, but many are ripening close together. Packing sheds are packing prunes, peaches, and Jonathan apples at the same time (Sept. 26). All fruit is of good quality. Peaches were shipped greater distances than ever before.

Last year was the first year the 3/4-bushel basket was used for peaches in Idaho. As the result of good acceptance, quite a few cars were shipped in 3/4-bushel baskets this year.

Miles Clark Hinshaw, 82, resident of Idaho since 1908 and prominent apple grower, died September 14 at his home in Greenleaf. He was a member of the Idaho State Horticultural Society.—Anton S. Horn, Sec'y, Boise.

### APPLE CAPITAL?

Following a tour of the Northwest, Winchester (Va.) newspaperman, Harry F. Byrd, Jr., admitted in the September issue of *Virginia Fruit* that Wenatchee, Wash., is really "The Apple Capital of the World," as it claims. Winchester, he added hastily, is the Apple Capital of the East.

### Nurseryman Dies

**NORTH DAKOTA**—Dr. George F. Will, president of Oscar H. Will and Co., big seed and nursery company at Bismarck, died October 2 at the age of 70. He pioneered the use of hardy fruit varieties, rootstocks, and native trees and shrubs. A keen student of the history and archeology of the Northern Great Plains Indian tribes, Dr. Will's friendship with the chiefs of these agricultural Indians led to the acquisition by the seed company of early, hardy varieties of field and sweet corn, pumpkins, squash, watermelons, and field beans.—J. H. Schultz, head, Dept. of Horticulture; Fargo.

### Apples Small, Many Drops

**IOWA**—Total apple production will be

### PRICE FIXING CHARGES DISMISSED

Charges of price fixing against Appalachian Apple Service and five apple processing firms were dismissed by a Federal Trade Commission examiner after extensive hearings.

The FTC had charged that the defendants had agreed on prices in a series of three meetings in 1950. But Examiner Abner E. Lipscomb found that despite the announcement of identical prices after the third meeting, there was no price fixing. Keen competition exists among the processors, he said, so a difference of 5 cents per cwt. could determine which processor would get a growers' apples. This fact forced each processor to meet the price of others, resulting in uniform prices "independent of any agreement."

Processors involved in the charges were: C. H. Musselman Co., National Fruit Produce Co., Knouse Foods Co-operative, Inc., Bowman Apple Products Co., Inc., and Shenandoah Valley Apple Cider & Vinegar Corp.

high, but a very heavy set and dry summer have combined to make the apples somewhat smaller in size. Apple drop on most varieties has been heavy, with anti-drop sprays less effective than usual. Most growers report fairly clean apples and good coloring.—Glenn Raines, Sec'y, Des Moines.

### Ben Drew to Speak

**WISCONSIN**—Featured speaker at the annual convention of Wisconsin Horticultural Society November 15-16 in Fond du Lac will be a Massachusetts grower, Ben Drew. (See article on page 12 of this issue about "Ben Drew's Cider Mill."—Ed.) He will speak on experiences in apple promotion and marketing, and on his methods of growing McIntosh at Drew Fruit Farms.

The Wisconsin apple crop is large and beautiful. However, windstorms took their toll and a good percentage of McIntosh went on the ground.

Winner of the apple dessert demonstration contest is Miss Edith DeSmith, of Sheboygan Falls. The final contest between the two regional winners was televised and given much good publicity.—H. J. Rahm-low, Sec'y, Madison.

### Annual Meeting Plans

**MICHIGAN**—The annual Michigan State Horticultural Society meetings will (Continued on page 18)

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### STRAWBERRY WEEVIL

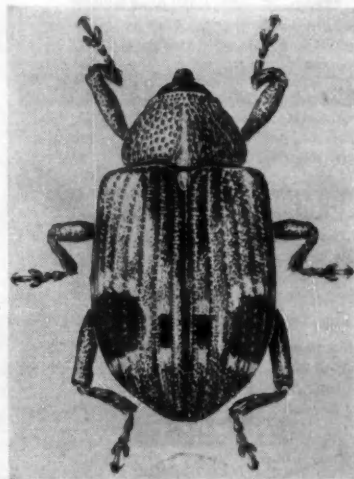
THE occurrence of the strawberry weevil in strawberry fields is usually made evident by the presence of large numbers of blossom buds on the ground or hanging by a thread from the severed point of the stem. This characteristic injury is accomplished by the female weevil in the process of depositing her eggs. She first deposits an egg in a blossom bud and then cuts or punctures the stem below it so that in a few days the infested bud drops to the ground.

Within the severed bud the small larva hatched from this egg feeds and develops to the full-grown larval stage. It then transforms to the pupal stage and ultimately to the parent weevil. The weevil emerges from the bud, feeds for a short time on the pollen of various flowers, and then goes into hibernation in midsummer. Most of the hibernation occurs underneath or in accumulations of dead leaves and similar plant debris in woodlots or hedgerows adjoining strawberry fields.

Destruction of the buds is not likely to be noticed until some time after the insect has been at work. For this reason injury from the weevil, even over wide areas, is often attributed to frost, hail, or some other cause. Strawberry weevil depredations may be severe, however, even during seasons when only a small or moderate percentage of the blossom buds are destroyed because the earliest forming buds are usually affected and these normally produce the early fruit which commands the highest market price.

The strawberry weevil is a native insect which occurs as a pest throughout most of the strawberry-growing regions in eastern United States. The adults are chestnut brown with two black spots on the back. They are about 1/10 inch long, with a doubled-under snout about half as long as the body. The grubs are white and about 1/8 inch long when fully grown.

Control. The strawberry weevil may be controlled by applying methoxychlor as a dust or spray, at the rate of approximately



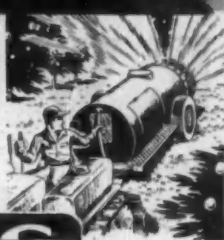
Strawberry Weevil. Courtesy USDA.

2 pounds of actual methoxychlor per acre. The first application should be made when bud-cutting is first noticed and repeated in 10 days. For example, on each acre use the insecticide at the rate of 40 pounds of 5 per cent methoxychlor dust or 4 pounds of methoxychlor 50 per cent wettable powder in 125 gallons of water.

In localities where the strawberry weevil is an important pest, it is not advisable to plant strawberries next to woodlots, nor to permit heavy weed growths in hedgerows or fence rows near by. Such situations provide excellent hibernating quarters for the weevils and make it more difficult to protect the crop.—D. J. Caffrey, USDA.

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Ben Drew's cider "bar" has two 300-gallon transparent plastic tanks. Ben is drawing cooled cider from one of them.

## Ben Drew's CIDER MILL

**Ben's business is growing apples but customer demands have now put him in the cider business too**

By CHARLES L. STRATTON

A COUPLE of years ago Ben Drew, Westford, Mass., apple grower, didn't even own a cider press. But customers at his fruit farm asked so often for good *clean* cider that he designed and installed a cider mill that is entirely hygienic.

From the moment the apples leave the grading table, they are never touched by hand again. Even the final product—at a cool 35°—is drawn off through a spigot in the cider "bar" from a tank in the cider mill. A window in the brick wall separating the two rooms permits visitors to watch the cider being made.

### L-Shaped Design

The large, L-shaped cider mill is designed for smooth, efficient operation. The cider bar which adjoins the fruit salesroom contains twin transparent plastic cider tanks built into the wall. Also in the wall is a gas space heater (Coleman Co., Inc., Wichita, Kans.) that heats both the cider mill and bar.

Directly behind this wall in the cider production room is a double tub with a pump in the base. Anti-bacterial preparations are mixed here and pumped through the tanks when cleaning.

The cement floors are painted with a rubber cement paint. Exclusive of the cement block building, the cost of the mill, fully equipped, was around \$6,000.

Ben blends his apples to make a

high-grade cider. His blend consists of McIntosh, Baldwin, Spy, Golden Delicious, and a few crabapples for sharpness.

Apples come in through a rear door and, after the final inspection, are washed in a Trescott apple washer (Fairport, N.Y., about \$600), operated by a ½ h.p. electric motor.

The apple grinder, removed from his 22-inch Palmer cider press, was mounted on a stainless steel tank Ben designed and had made-to-order at a cost of about \$300. The apples are gravity-fed from the end of the washer into the grinder. A plastic splash shield, clipped in front of the grinder, collects any splattering. (Although the Palmer Cider Co. is now out of business most of their equipment can be obtained from the Orchard Supply and Equipment Co., Bristol, Conn.)

### Plastic Hose for Filling Trays

One of Ben's unusual ideas is the pumping of the ground apples (cheese) through a plastic hose into the trays on the press. A Waukesha sanitary pump (Waukesha, Wis., approximately \$275) is mounted on a stand at the base of the tank and pumps the cheese through the transparent plastic hose suspended from the ceiling. The press operator works a Linemaster foot treadle switch (Line Material Co., 800 N. 8th, Milwaukee, Wis.) connected to the pump motor to force the ground apples through the hose into the press trays.

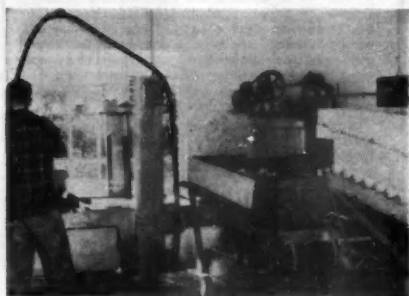


During his first year of cider making Ben used a standard 22-inch Palmer cider press. He redesigned it for the second year's operation, setting the hydraulic pump off to one side to keep oil and other foreign matter from dropping into the cider.

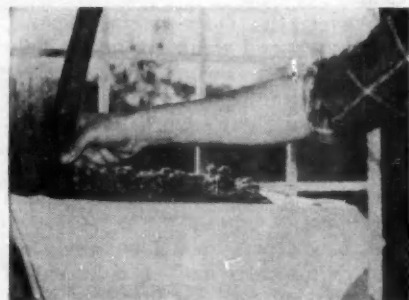
The pomace is placed on a conveyor belt running alongside the apple washer, dumped into a wheelbarrow for carting outside and picked up daily by a local dairy farmer for cattle feed. A non-corrosive pump, costing about \$300 and secured from Cherry-Burrell Company (427 W. Randolph, Chicago, Ill.), pumps the freshly pressed cider from the press through plastic hose directly into the cider tanks in the wall. Each tank has a stainless steel refrigeration coil for cooling down the cider. The Copeland self-contained unit (Sidney, Ohio, approximately \$1,400) is directly underneath and concealed from the customer's view.

The twin tanks, each of 300 gallons

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Apple washer at right in Ben Drew's hygienic cider mill dumps apples into box feeding into grinder. Ground apples in tank at base of grinder travel through plastic hose to trays in press.



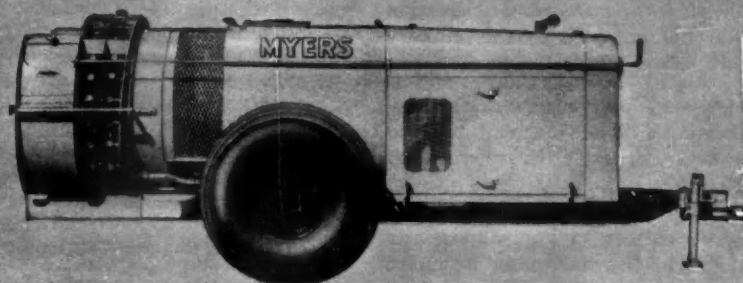
Operator controls distribution of ground apples onto trays by means of foot switch.



Ben Drew's cider mill adjoins his fruit salesroom. Window permits view of cider making. Entrance to "bar" is through swing-up garage door.

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The report of the Committee, released by the White House in April, opens with this sentence:

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## CIDER MILL

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capacity, were built by a local plastic prefabricating firm (Garvey Plastics Co., Lowell, Mass.) for around \$700. The tanks are of a thick transparent plastic with a double thickness in the front, allowing an air space to prevent the sides from sweating. The tanks are backed up against aluminum sheeting to give a shiny appearance.

Both cider tanks have a faucet in the base for filling cups or jugs with the cold cider. Ben generally draws from one tank while the other one is being filled. Although he prefers to use new jugs, Ben does accept clean jugs from customers and runs them through a detergent. Jugs are washed in the back room and are pushed through a slot in the wall to the cider bar.

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#### SPRAY COMPATIBILITY INFORMATION

The 1956 edition of AMERICAN FRUIT GROWER'S spray compatibility chart will be available next month. Before it comes out, however, we would like to hear from growers and spraymen regarding changes or alterations they would recommend in the compatibility listings as they appeared in this year's chart.

Send the results of your spray compatibility experience, including any unusual discoveries in the performance of your sprays, to:

R. T. Meister,  
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Willoughby, Ohio

A stainless steel sink in back of the cider bar has running hot water and is just the thing for keeping things clean.

During the cider-making season, two men spend about six hours daily making cider. Two hours a day are spent in cleaning the entire plant for the following day's work. The maximum cider-making capacity for two men is about 65 gallons per hour. Three men put out about 85 gallons per hour.

A larger press could be used, but Ben claims cider making is an excellent drawing card for increased cider and fruit sales, so he prefers making smaller batches over a longer period of time. He advertises in the local papers when the mill will be in operation, and invites folks out to the farm. Through his rapidly increasing cider sales, Ben Drew has built up an excellent sideline working right in with his farm fruit sales.

THE END

A \$400,000 controlled atmosphere storage, the first of its kind in Quebec Province for the storage of apples, has been built by the Frelighsburg Apple Growers Co-operative. Louis-Philippe Roy is president of the co-op.—George E. Toles.

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### KILLS BLOSSOMS

I am at a loss to know why the blossoms and young leaves were killed on our apples in the second spray as I don't believe we had a frost to kill them. In April I sprayed with one pound of feramate, two pounds of arsenate of lead, and two quarts of lime sulfur. Would this combination kill the blooms and young leaves?—North Carolina

It is a question of whether the mixture you used really did the damage. However, it would have been better if you had used a safener with your lead arsenate and lime sulfur combination. Your trees may have experienced arsenical injury. When the lead arsenate-lime sulfur combination is used lime must be used as a corrective to neutralize the solubilizing action of the lime sulfur. Of course, ferbam is not recommended with lime because the calcium compounds may change the residual fungicidal nature of the dithiocarbamate to the eradicant type without a residual action and under some conditions may give injury.

### GRAFTING APPLE TREES

In grafting apple trees should the scion from the parent tree be taken from the main wood of the tree or would scions from suckers or water sprouts give just as good results?—West Virginia

Twigs that have made growth of from one to two feet in the preceding season usually furnish the best scion wood. The buds should be plump and mature. The mid-portion of the one-year growth furnishes the best scions.

### CROSS-POLLINATION

I have a Governor Wood cherry tree that is six years old but refuses to bear fruit. This year it bloomed profusely but still there were no cherries. Can you help me with this problem?—Ohio

You should plant another variety to pollinate your Governor Wood. It must be a sweet cherry variety and it should not be an Elton or a Stark's Gold. In addition, it should be a variety which blooms at the same time as the Governor Wood. Black Tartarian is a good pollinizer.

### BEES AND GRAPES

Do bees injure grapes by stinging them?—New York

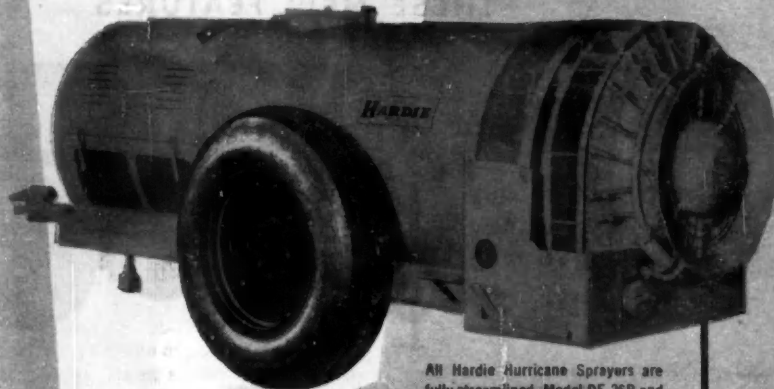
Bees and hornets seldom, if ever, initiate injury to grapes. Rather, these insects are attracted to fruit that has already been injured by cracking due to wind and other weather conditions, feeding by birds, etc. Once the skin of the grape berry is broken, it will attract various insects of which the most common are likely to be different kinds of bees and hornets.

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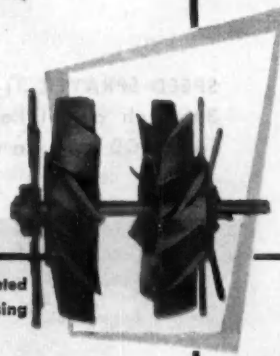
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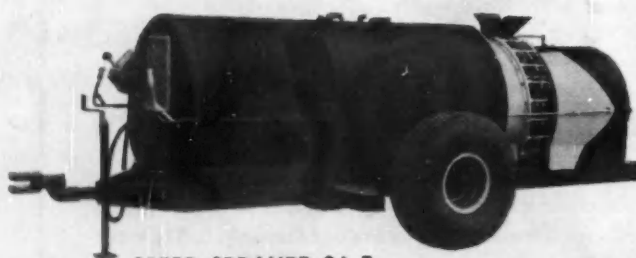
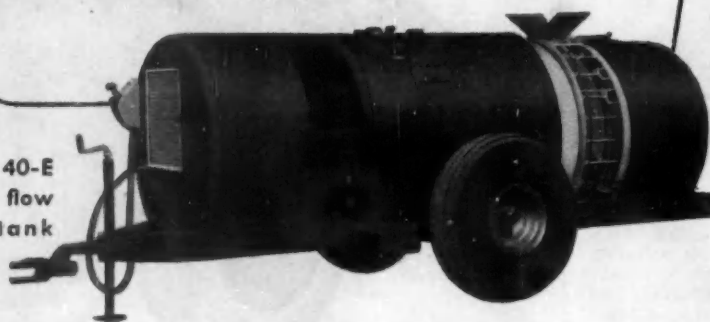
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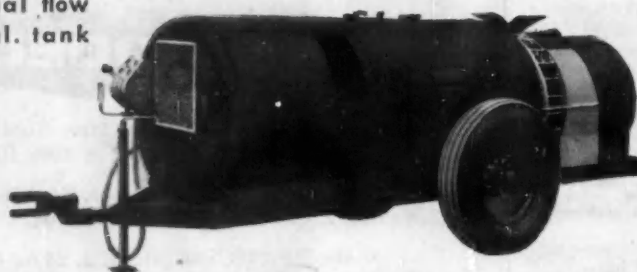
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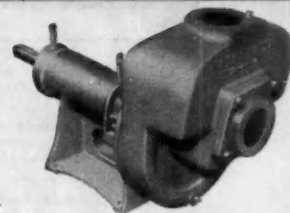
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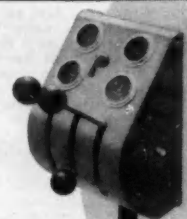
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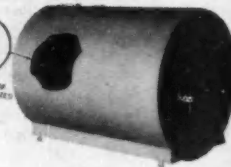
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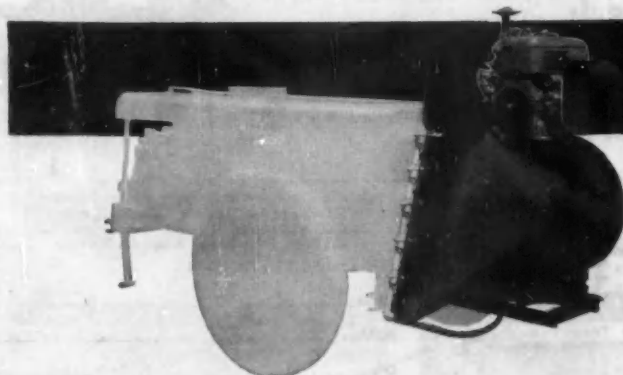
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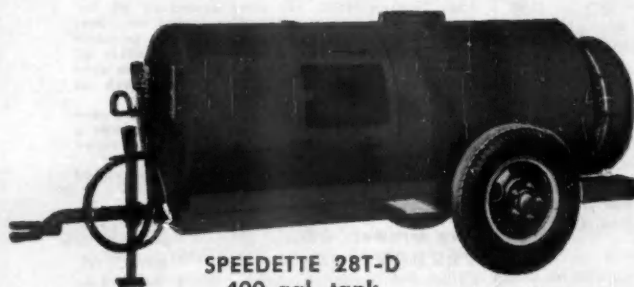


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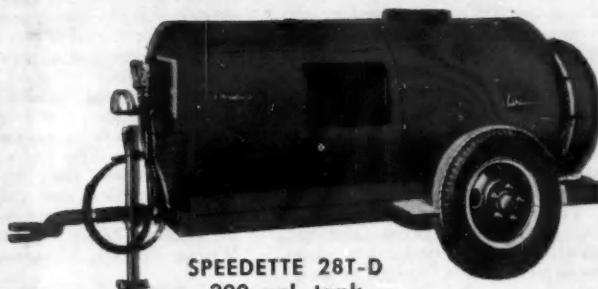
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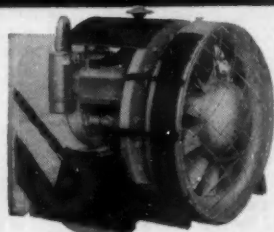


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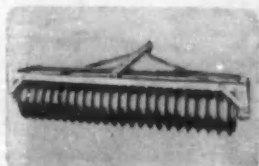
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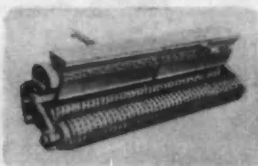
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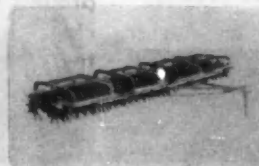
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### Brillion CUT-ALL ROTARY SHREDDERS

## STATE NEWS

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be held December 6-8 at the Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids. A program is being developed that should attract the interest of all fruit growers. New irrigation equipment, sources of water for irrigation, and the value of supplemental water for higher yields and quality of fruit will be featured.

**Apples in Michigan** are generally of good quality as badly needed rains and cool weather in September increased both size and color. McIntosh dropped badly in many areas in spite of the use of stop-drop compounds. This could be accountable to the poor condition of the leaves caused by the dry, hot August and early September and the build-up of mites in many orchards. Rains just before and during McIntosh harvest made the use of "stop-drop" chemicals more effective on the later varieties.—*Arthur E. Mitchell, Asst. Sec'y, East Lansing.*

### Demonstrate Sprayers

**ONTARIO, CANADA**—Some 600 growers from Ontario, Quebec, and New York attended the Georgian Bay District Fruit Growers Association spray demonstration at the Chrysler Farm in Sudbury. Thirty sprayers, representing eight manufacturers, demonstrated both concentrate and dilute spraying. Discharge ranged from 6 gpm to 110 gpm. Each sprayer was numbered, and spectators could easily compare the machines.

### BRITAIN TO IMPORT MORE APPLES

More apples from the United States and Canada will find their way to British markets this year. The British government has approved an import quota of \$1,848,000 for U.S. apples, and \$2,772,000 for Canadian apples. Importers are expected to buy about 30,000 tons of apples. The shortness of the English crop this year dictated the 10 per cent increase over last year.

Any further increase will not come easily, says Truman Nold, executive secretary of National Apple Institute. Standing in the way are: 1) decrease of British exports, due to prospering economy on home markets; 2) opposition by English apple growers; 3) British indignation over recent U.S. actions to curb imports such as bicycles.

The primary asset of American fruit abroad—its superior quality—suffered last year when a surprising percentage of inferior fruit appeared on foreign markets.

Pre-war imports from North America averaged about 200,000 tons a year.

### Two Growers Die

**VERMONT**—James W. Williams, 61, Charlotte fruit grower, and Henry Lee Hemenway, 64, of Bridgeport, passed away this summer. Hemenway was a member of the Vermont State Horticultural Society and served as its president in 1945 and 1946. Williams was active in agricultural and civic affairs. He was president of the Chittenden County Farm Bureau for two years and vice-chairman of the Vermont Agricultural Conservation and Stabilization Committee since 1953.—*C. Lyman Calahan, Sec'y, Burlington.*

### Apple Prices Low

**CONNECTICUT**—With an apple crop estimated at 1,780,000 bushels, movement is good, but prices are too low. The crop is reported good. The McIntosh harvest is over. Cortland and Delicious are now being picked, and Baldwin and Spys are about ready (Oct. 8).

A luncheon for members of the press, radio, TV, home economists, teachers, and dental workers was given in Hartford October 6 by the Connecticut Pomological Society and the New York & New England Apple Institute. The film, "Gateway to Health," was shown, and McIntosh apples furnished by Orrin Kilbourn were distributed.—*S. P. Hollister, Sec'y, Storrs.*

AMERICAN FRUIT GROWER



#### Prominent Grower Dies

**MASSACHUSETTS**—Ernest F. Markert, 49, of South Amherst, died September 11. Brought up on a dairy and fruit farm, he was graduated from the University of Massachusetts, where he was an outstanding fruit student, in 1926. He was orchard foreman at the Congers Farm in Connecticut, then manager of the Sonhegon Apple Packing Association in New Hampshire. He held several important fruit growing jobs while developing the Markert Orchards and Cold Storage plant in South Amherst. He was a member of the Massachusetts Fruit Growers Association.—*A. P. French, Sec'y, Amherst.*

#### Flood Damage to Trees

**NEW JERSEY**—Late apple varieties sized well in spite of severe heat and drought. Harvesting is on schedule, with Red Delicious completed about October 1 in most areas. Most Red Delicious are sold. Heavy Stayman harvest began about October 1 with red spots. The Stayman crop is of excellent finish and quality. Rome harvest will be somewhat simultaneous with Stayman and completed around November 1.

Appreciable damage to young peach

trees from heavy August rains became apparent during the middle of September. Waterlogged soils caused death of trees in many peach areas. This occurred on rather sandy soils, as well as heavy soils. More than 14 inches of rain fell in one week.

**The New Jersey 7-A strawberry selection** has been named "Jerseybelle."—*Ernest G. Christ, Sec'y, New Brunswick.*

#### BIGGEST 'MAC' CAMPAIGN

The greatest advertising drive in McIntosh history was conducted this fall by the New York and New England Apple Institute to help move the big, top-quality apple crop. For four weeks beginning September 19, \$45,000 was allotted for advertising, of which \$15,000 was used to develop outside markets. A 1,000-line advertisement in 44 leading daily newspapers heralded the arrival of Macs, and 774 broadcasts on 54 top radio and TV stations further plugged their sale.

#### Pecan Prospects Bright

**OKLAHOMA**—Prospects of harvesting a better-than-average pecan crop are improving. Estimates have climbed to nearly 30 million pounds.—*Fred LeGrone, Asst. Sec'y, Stillwater.*

#### Peach Rust Hits Trees

**GEORGIA**—Trees in the Fort Valley

area were defoliated by peach rust by mid-September. This disease usually occurs later in the season when it is of little practical significance.

Growers are making plans to replace trees lost in last spring's freeze. Fruit bud set appears to be heavy throughout the entire Georgia peach belt.—*E. F. Savage, Experiment.*

#### Golden Jubilee

**TENNESSEE**—The Tennessee State Horticultural Society will hold its 50th Jubilee, meeting at the New Southern Hotel in Jackson December 8-9. Although our membership is at a 25-year-low—something under 300 members—and this year's unprecedented March freezes hurt them seriously, their spirits are still high. We attribute this fine spirit to our oldtimers who have withstood the ravages of nature time and again and come up fighting. We plan to honor them at this meeting.

Our oldest members are I. C. Murphy, of Columbia, who joined in 1906, and S. N. Varnell, of Cleveland, who joined in 1908. Horace Rainey, Sr., Columbia, and D. E. Hedges, Chattanooga, have been members for over 40 years, and John Mir, Hendersonville, 39 years.—*A. N. Pratt, Sec'y, Nashville.*

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## A New Method of Scald Control

By **R. M. SMOCK**

*Cornell University*

**D**URING the 1954-55 season all the known methods of reducing scald on apples and a number of possible new methods were studied. It was found that a dip treatment of diphenylamine plus a wetting agent after harvest gave better scald control than oiled paper. The best concentration was 1,000 parts per million (ppm) but less dilute material may do a satisfactory control job. With Cortlands there was 78 per cent scald on the controls, 8 per cent with oiled wraps, and 1 per cent with diphenylamine at 1,000 ppm. With Greenings a concentration as low as 200 ppm did not completely control the scald.

To get two seasons' results in one calendar year the author requested Dr. D. Martin and Dr. E. Hall in Australia to check on the Cornell results. They independently found better scald control than with oiled wraps and no unfavorable results. Martin also found that wraps impregnated with diphenylamine gave excellent scald control.

A number of experiment station workers are already working on the practicality of using DPA as a dip treatment or impregnating agent and the results should be known by the spring of 1956. Of course, this new material will have to be approved or disapproved by the Pure Food and Drug Administration. Hence, expensive toxicological studies will probably be required.

While much work remains to be done, this new approach to the scald problem does look promising.

## MOON MOVES UP AT JOHN BEAN

**H**OWARD H. (Pete) Moon has been promoted to assistant sales manager of the agricultural department of John Bean Division, Food Machinery and Chemical Corp. From company headquarters in Lansing, Mich., he will correlate the sales and advertising programs for eight eastern territories.

Moon came to John Bean in 1952 from the International Harvester Co., and has been district sales manager in New England.



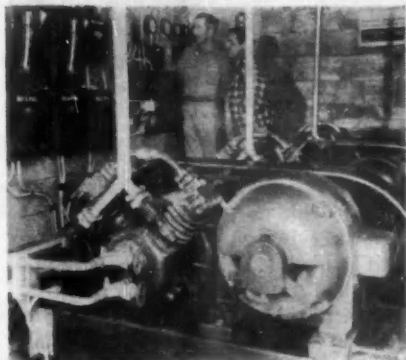
H. H. Moon



## FRUIT STORAGE

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Air must circulate freely and positively in the storage room. If sufficient height, say a foot or more, is available over the top of the fruit and the throw is not too great, ordinary blade-type propeller fans may be used. Close stacking or low headroom sometimes dictate ductwork and squirrel-cage type blowers. In either case have direction of air flow parallel to rows of boxes.



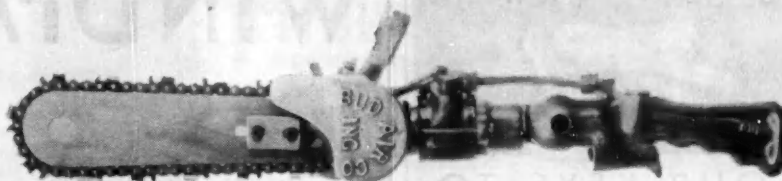
Refrigeration room of Auvil Fruit Co., Grando, Wash., with General Electric condensing units in foreground. Grady Auvil (left), past president of Washington State Horticultural Association and 1954 "Grower of the Year," and Art de Desrochers, are shown inspecting the installation.

Close temperature control without wide variations is very desirable. A simple thermostat with no more than a one degree operating point gives good control. In the Pacific Northwest apples are stored at 31 degrees, which makes it necessary to defrost the coils periodically. Of many methods, spray water defrosting and hot gas defrosting seem outstanding; and simply defrosting manually seems superior to costly, intricate, automatic control. Do not be talked into installing a cooling coil that eliminates defrosting entirely by spraying corrosive calcium chloride or salt brine continuously over cooling pipes. That method solves one simple problem by giving you ten worse ones. If you are maintaining temperatures 33° or above, defrosting is no problem.

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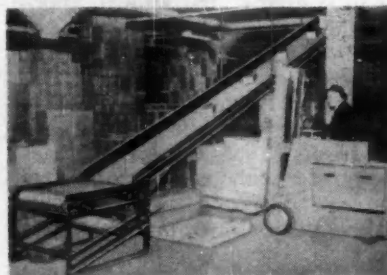
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# WINDFALLS

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By HENRY BAILEY STEVENS

**Why Not Win This Game?** FROM where I sit I can see the cheerleaders crouch and spring into the air, swing their arms with masterful punctuation, and shout through their megaphones the college yell. This is the invocation to Team Spirit.

*Rah, rah, rah!  
Da-da-da!  
Wah-hoo-wah!  
TEAM!*

The band is pounding and blowing a contagious marching tune. "On to Victory" is the theme. We must win the game.

Meanwhile at home we are suffering silently the most serious defeat our little orchard has known. Worse than the hurricane has been this year of 180 per cent production with its huge early drop and a sagging dog-day market. Apples in New England are too plentiful this fall. Every backyard tree is loaded. Buyers hang back. The grower without cold storage and with high labor costs has lost his shirt.

Many of us will go out of business after this season, for our organization has not been geared to take such a beating. Somewhere in the scrimmage we missed a play. We fumbled the ball when we should have run with it.

Perhaps what we need is a band and a few cheerleaders. Tree fruit is a superior product, not yet fully appreciated by the general public. What else on the market is so delicious, so palatable, and so healthful as the juicy tree fruits and the protein-packed tree nuts? These products of the vast underground root systems and overhead sea of foliage should always command a superior price. The public holds it too cheaply, spending far more for worthless cola drinks and dangerous cigarettes.

Suppose we ourselves begin to take

all tree fruit more seriously. Instead of just serving nuts for Thanksgiving and Christmas, for example, why not build them into the daily bill of fare? For us, members of the primate family, they are the ancestral protein food. I for one am going to supplement our store of experimental filberts and native butternuts with orders for Southern pecans and Western walnuts and almonds. Along with them a supply of dates and figs will make a marvelous combination.

We solicit more ideas on this score. A windfall for the best one. Wah-hoo-wah! Tree fruit! Rah!

**While Washing His Own Dishes** ELMER H. HUSSEY, who lives in Bronson, Kans., writes that the lines below came to him as he was washing his breakfast dishes. He now lives alone.

## Growing Old

*Love grows stronger as friends grow fewer  
The headstones thicken along the way,  
And those that walk with us today  
May let us walk alone tomorrow.  
Seldom do we get far from sorrow,  
And some of those we loved the best  
Have many years been laid to rest.  
Love grows stronger as friends get fewer,  
The courage is less to do and dare,  
Closer we come to the reefs of Care,  
And Love is all as our sun dips west.*

Mr. Hussey has been interested in the experimental use of sulfur bored into the trunks of pears and apples to prevent blight. The idea was passed on to him years ago in Tonkawa, Okla., as an old Indian remedy, and he has tried it with some promise.

**The Curving Mourning Dove** "THE whistling wings of the curving mourning dove help to identify this

game bird as it curves in low flight," writes John B. Behrends. "They do not form in flocks, but are found singly or in small groups. A flimsy

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structure of but a few dry grasses or weed stems serves as a nest—often on a low horizontal branch. Sometimes the two white eggs are laid upon the bare ground in the midst of waving grain.

"In an orchard I have found them on the remaining mud foundation of an old robin nest. A mother bird, flushed from her nest, will pretend that she is lame or has a broken wing, and will creep and flutter along to draw us away from the site. When she has led us quite a distance, she will give up the ruse and fly into the air.

"In spring and early summer they are quite tame, but when the law permits them to be hunted they grow wary. They are fond of weed seeds and grain. One morning I saw these gray birds continually fly up from the stretch of paved highway ahead of me. Grains of wheat had filtered through cracks in the big trucks en route to the elevator, and the graceful creatures curved to the right and left alongside of me flying in all directions. Their mournful song has given them their name. They have red feet and brown eyes."

Address your "Windfalls" contributions to Henry Bailey Stevens, AMERICAN FRUIT GROWER, Willoughby, Ohio.

## BUNNIES PASS UP PAINTED TREES

A NEW use for lime sulfur has been found by Michigan fruit grower Frank Willis, Sr., of Lawton. He's found that it makes a very effective rodenticide when painted on the trunks and lower limbs of his young peach trees. It's simpler and more effective than wire screens, says Willis, and it really keeps the mice and rabbits away.

"I lost a good many trees until I started using lime sulfur," says Willis. "I am getting 100 per cent control now with no injury to the peach trees."

The lime sulfur liquid is brushed on the trees in the fall before any mice or rabbits start their work. Willis fastens a 4-inch paint brush to a 3-foot handle for brushing the liquid lime sulfur on the trunks, lower crotches, and limbs of the young trees. By using a wide brush, enough of the lime sulfur spills on the grass around the trees to make it mouse-proof also. He uses a small pail to hold the lime sulfur, and suggests goggles to protect the eyes while brushing.

This year Willis planted 300 dwarf apple trees which he plans to protect by this method. He feels certain the lime sulfur treatment will work as effectively on apple trees as it has on peach trees.—R. F. Carlson, Michigan State University, East Lansing.

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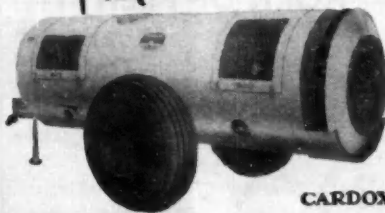
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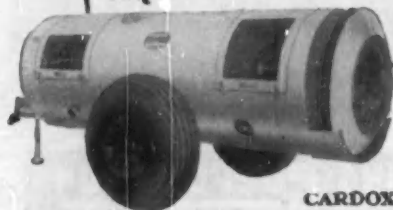
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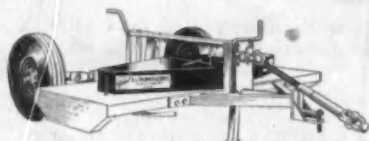
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Red raspberries in steel-rimmed wooden baskets are packed in green corrugated trays by Puyallup Berry Growers, Puyallup, Wash. Lightweight trays are real freight-savers, can be printed on all sides in more than one color. Baskets and trays are made by Pacific States Box and Basket Co., 2315 Santa Fe Ave., Los Angeles 58, Calif. Trays hold 12 pints, are shown stacked for shipping in wooden crates.



A new corrugated cardboard strawberry flat came through a strenuous haul from New Albany, Ind., to Grand Rapids, Mich., in tip-top condition—even though wooden berry crates were piled on top of the flats in the truck. Buyer Richard Verhey (left) and Robert Blett, who designed the new package for American Box Board Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., examined the berries on arrival. The 8-quart flat features twin compartments, can be divided to make ideal "take-home" packages.

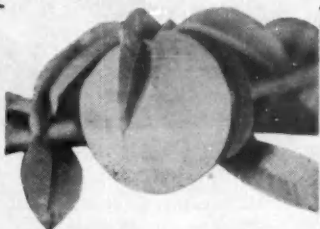
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## PLANT VIRUSES

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virus disease control which is receiving more and more attention. The big difficulty in this approach is the problem involved in initial location of the vector or vectors of the disease agent. This is a long, complicated procedure. The insect *Colladonus gemmatus* (to use the latin binomial) was incriminated in 1949 as a vector of the Western X-disease virus in peaches—but only after some 11,000 transmission attempts.



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Whatever the control program that is finally found to be effective, it will have to involve nursery practice in the case of fruit plants. The most effective measures designed will be lessened in over-all effectiveness if the replacement stock from nurseries were allowed to bring in and spread infection among the trees or other plants in the field. This means two things: the nurseryman must become even more of an "expert" than he

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARI

Three important meetings are on tap for growers in the Northwest. The 70th annual "Three Score and Ten" meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural Society will convene December 1 and 2 at Oregon State College, Corvallis.

A few days later the Washington State Horticultural Association will hold its 51st annual meeting of Wenatchee. Facilities for an estimated 15,000 growers have been booked for this meeting at which a critical issue—marketing—will head the agenda. Directly on their heels—December 7 and 8—the Nut Growers Society of Oregon and Washington will hold its annual meeting at McMinnville, Ore. Sounds like a busy December in the Northwest!

formerly was, because he must be able to distinguish between symptoms caused by infectious agents and those due to other conditions such as weather, nutrition, etc. It also means that strict programs of nursery inspection must be set up by state agencies.

In the meantime, the grower has no recourse but to train himself in the detection of the symptoms which will lead him to the sources of virus infection. THE END

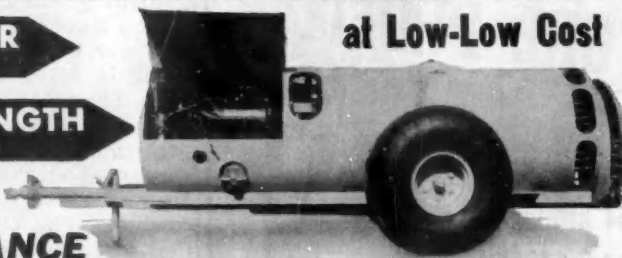
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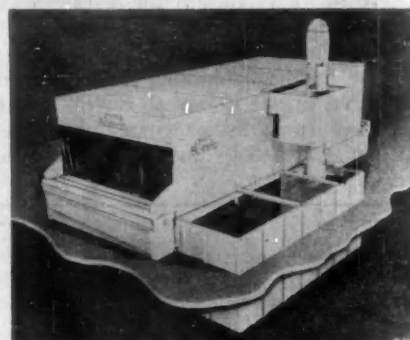
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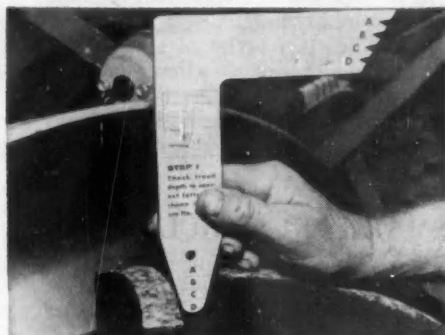
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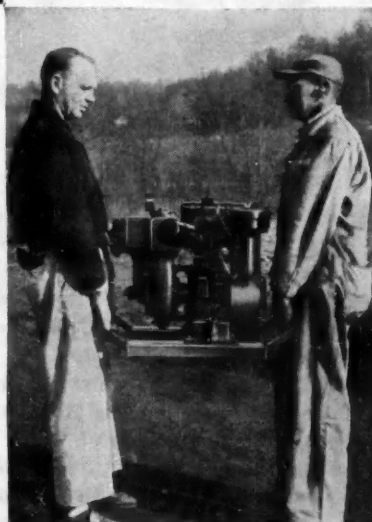
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## CRAB APPLES FOR AMERICA

A REVISED edition of *Crab Apples for America* by Donald Wyman, horticulturist, Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, Mass., has just been issued. The booklet includes a complete list of all crab apples, those which are best for ornamental flowers and fruit and those having edible fruits. Origin, description, and source of supply are given. A list is also included of obsolete varieties. Copies are available from The American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboretums, 1632 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 3, Pa., at \$2 each. In quantities of 10 to 24 copies, the cost is \$1.60 each; 25 to 100 copies, \$1.20 each.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

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I'd borrowed a dog for the occasion. Pops took along Blue, his ancient pointer. Several times I noticed Pops walk up to a clump of bushes Blue had pointed at and fire into the air—though he hadn't flushed a single bird.

Naturally, I wanted to know why. "Well," he said sheepishly, "I've been hunting with that dog for 11 seasons. His nose isn't much

help any more—but I'd rather waste a shell than let him know."

From where I sit, Pops always shows consideration for people, too. For instance, this is a small thing, but he puts a bottle of beer on ice for me when I visit him—though he never takes anything but coffee himself. Even if he doesn't agree with me on a matter of personal choice (which is his right) he'd rather not make a "point" of letting me know.

Joe Marsh

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## Cherries and Price Talks

**T**ALKING PRICES on deciduous fruits east of the Rocky Mountains is still a hazardous occupation, as apple growers in the Appalachians have expensively learned. Yet peach growers, pear growers, and citrus growers on the West Coast visit freely and bargain as groups under the protective umbrella of the law. Here is a situation which, like the weather, is talked about considerably, yet about which little is done.

Of course, it is water over the dam to remind ourselves that representatives of the Eastern fruit industry and the processing industry deliberately worked to have themselves excluded from the legislation which they now find they need. They shied away from Marketing Agreements. As viewed in retrospect, this was the old story of cutting off one's nose to spite one's face. So here we are—still in need of something which will permit bargaining and price talks without landing in jail.

The sour cherry deal of 1955 is another example of how expensive this situation is becoming. The crop started at 7 cents a pound to growers. Those who profess to know say that the crop could have been moved nicely at that figure—neither too high nor too low. Many Southern Michigan cherries were bought at this price.

Then came a break in the price in western New York down to 5 cents, and the 7-cent price collapsed. The processors were willing and able to pay 7 cents, but the minority movement that broke the price controlled the situation as it always does.

Nobody is happy. Growers have lost 2 cents a pound in a year when they needed it. Processors who paid 7 cents have taken a beating. Those who bought at 5 cents are no better off in the long run.

And why did this happen? Largely because processors and growers cannot get together to work out a fair price.

It becomes all the more exasperating when a grower tries to buy some manufactured product. A radio or an electric shaver or a fountain pen will cost him a set price—"take it or leave it". But let this same grower offer cherries, and he gets what he can get—and "likes it".

America is a great country. America has some great leaders. Where are those in the fruit industry who have

the knowledge and the aptitudes and the courage to solve this problem? Frankly, it calls mostly for courage—let the chips fall where they may. But until that leadership gets this problem solved, growers are going to continue to be the tail in the game of crack the whip.

## This Proves It!

WE were impressed by the recent statement in the *Michigan State University Quarterly Bulletin* that sod mulch is better than clean cultivation, inasmuch as it follows 25 years of patient experimenting.

The two methods were tested in a Bartlett pear orchard planted 25 years ago at the Graham Experiment Station, Grand Rapids. For the first 12 years the sod mulch cover retarded tree growth and fruit production. But from then on the trunks grew larger and the trees produced more fruit than those in clean cultivated plots.

At the end of the 25-year test the trees under the fertilized sod mulch had produced 1,136 more bushels of fruit, and 80 per cent more fruit over 2½ inches in size.

In the sodded orchard water loss was practically eliminated, while soil in the clean cultivated orchard got worse every year. The compacted soil caused runoff and droughty subsoil, and fruit size suffered when rainfall was short.

They found the same things true for apple orchards. Cherries, too, did better under sod.

## Fruit Growing is Such Fun!



## Fruit Talk

Russian scientists have reported that the disintegration of humus by bacteria and the formation of carbon dioxide is an important aspect of increased crop production in which the carbon dioxide is picked up by the roots from the soil, transported to the leaves, and there used in photosynthesis fully as effectively as carbon dioxide from the air.

According to Washington State College, spray materials for an acre of apples in 1926 cost \$21.81 and spray labor cost \$14.75, compared to \$67.35 for materials and \$9.18 for labor in 1953.

New races of red stele in strawberries are now appearing which will make control by breeding a little more difficult.

Those engaged in food marketing receive \$1.70 an hour on the average for their services compared with \$1.29 for tobacco manufacturers and \$1.29 for retail apparel and accessory stores.

Forty-six per cent of the sweet cherries produced in the United States are sold fresh. By contrast only 9 per cent of sour cherries are sold fresh.

C. P. Norbury, prominent fruit grower near Malvern on the west side of England, has engineered a powerful concentrate orchard sprayer which uses 1½ gallons of concentrate per acre, propelled by 18,000 cubic feet of air per minute.

"Feeble Minded Are Best Apple Growers" says the headline in a 40-year-old news clipping sent to us by a friend. Any startling dismay is dispelled by the text, which announces an award for an apple exhibit made by a school for feeble-minded youth. It is recorded further that "Individual exhibitors expressed disapproval, but officials of the show refused to exclude institutions and said it was too late to kick anyhow."

Following the fundamental work of Dr. G. M. Darrow of the USDA, Dutch strawberry growers are manipulating the flowering of strawberries by controlling the length of day of plants grown in cold frames and covered with shade. Plants which are given a 12-hour day in May produce a fall crop of strawberries.

Biale, Young, and Olmstead of the University of California at Los Angeles have concluded from a study of 14 species of tropical, subtropical, and temperate fruit that native ethylene which occurs in plants is a product of the ripening process rather than the cause of ripening.

A 38-page booklet from the State of Michigan entitled "Migrants in Michigan" is a thorough study of the migrant agricultural worker, from where he comes, where he works, what he does, recruiting and employment, housing facilities, school opportunities, health benefits, earnings, adult education, recreation, and community organization—worth a look by those who face this problem.

Dr. Fritz Kobel, well-known fruit scientist at Wanderswil, Switzerland, says that he can produce zinc deficiency symptoms in apple trees more easily by adding phosphorus than by withholding zinc. —H.B.T.

## Coming Next Month 75th Anniversary Issue

- Grandfather's Album of Fruit Progress
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